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Docket No. 1232-4824

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Nobuhiro IKEDA

Group Art Unit: 2643

Serial No.: 10/081,052

Examiner: Duc M. NGUYEN

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For: SYSTEM FOR MANAGING OPERATION STATUS OF EQUIPMENT AND  
APPARATUS USED THEREIN

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action December 2, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.